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VARTAN MAMIGONIAN

Fifth century national hero
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LEADERS AND LEADERSHIP

By G.H.C.

In February our thoughts inevitably turn to great persons such as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Vartan Mamigonian who, during their lifetime and after their death, captivated men's minds. Such thoughts also raise questions in our minds regarding the meaning and value of the word "leader."

Someone defined the word as one who challenges people to execute a plan. The Oxford dictionary states "leading" means conducting or guiding, especially by going in front, by being an example.

But, whose plan, whose example, whose challenge? Khomeini's? a Dictator's? a Charlatan's? a Sinner's? These questions necessitate the affixing of an adjective to the word to define it more adequately.

We need to be specific, therefore. We need to talk about *good leaders*. A good leader is one who challenges people with a good plan for execution. Who is a good leader, then, and what should be his qualifications?

First of all, a good leader is one who brings hope. The tragic element in existence is hopelessness. Life is rough. Competition in all areas of life—business, employment, status, education, social demands—have cutting edges. Depression, discouragement, frustration follow. What is needed is to lift up the positive, demonstrate God is still the Ruler, and propose steps by which one whose hope has waned will regain courage to face life once again.

In the second place, a good leader inspires his fellowmen. Life can be drab and dull. The monotony of rising up, washing, grooming, working, returning home, sleeping and getting up again to repeat the cycle is colorless. What possibility of equality, justice, fairness and brotherhood in life? Life can be dull and numbing. The good leader takes an ordinary person and inspires him to greatness. Like Isaiah, he tells the faltering youth, "Though thy sins be like crimson, they shall whiter be than snow." The good leader picks up one with a broken spirit and puts him on the road to victory.

In the third place, a good leader leads by example—by a lofty life. We hold Vartan Mamigonian in great esteem for having said, "He who had conceived that we wore our Christianity as one does his garments, now finds that he no more can divest us of it than he can of the color of our skin, and, let us hope, never will be able to the end," and given his life for his convictions. It is apropos to refer here to the father on his way to a robbery when he turned back and saw his son. On inquiring what he was doing, he was humbled by the son's words: "Dad, I am following in your steps." In **The Winter Our Discontent**, the father/husband role is

played well in words, but in deed the father fails his wife and son, the latter doing exactly as his father did—using beautiful words of admonition for good conduct, but plagiarizing in deed. Fortunately, the story ends with a great victory. The father acknowledges his failure and confesses, uniting the family in an unshakable bond. A good leader is **clean, honest, unselfish, non-exploiting, non-opportunistic, a servant rather than a master**. But above all, is humble and penitent. "I am the good shepherd," said our Lord: "the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." Yes, leadership has a price.

Finally, a good leader knows exactly where he is going and where he is leading his flock. The story is told of a very small boy who was trying to lead a big St. Bernard up the road. "Where are you going to take that dog, my little man?" inquired a passer-by. "I—I'm going to see," said the hard-breathing boy, "where, uh, where he wants to go first."

It was not so with Moses. He knew exactly where he was going. He was not led by circumstance. He had plans to lead his people to the Promised Land, and he did. He aspired for a holy life for his people so he got the Ten Commandments for them from God.

It was not so with Moses, Schweitzer, Vartan, Washington, Lincoln. They knew the way. The source of their greatness was rooted in their commitment to Jesus Christ Who by an ultimate sacrifice to demonstrate God's love and plan for humanity has given the best hope for a world of peace, brotherhood, fairness and justice.

May God make each one of us a leader acceptable to God and man.

DESIGNATED GIFTS: WARNING

Each year, a number of donors instruct the Armenian Missionary Association of America to transmit their gifts to specific persons or charitable causes overseas and occasionally in the U.S. The donations are made as a result of direct appeals to our U.S. benefactors.

Despite the fact that the designations are always for very good causes, the Association finds itself in a dilemma. While the AMAA has no particular objection to transmit designated gifts, it is reluctant to do so for a number of reasons:

1. First of all, we have an agreement with our colleagues in the Middle East that all applications for financial assistance must be transmitted to the AMAA through the Central Committee of the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches of the Near East (UAECNE). No individual church or organization may appeal directly to sponsors in the U.S. The practical reasons for the mutual understanding would take too much space and are not relevant to the issue.

2. In the second place, no donor may designate a beneficiary and receive tax exemption for value to be transmitted. Our lawyers indicate that such designations imply "dictation," in which case the gifts cannot be tax exempt. If, however, a gift is related to a project or cause in the Association's budget, deduction is valid, and the AMAA cannot come under IRS criticism or censure.

3. Finally, if IRS audits a donor's account and reference is made to the AMAA, the Association cannot but reveal the nature of the gift, viz. that it was designated. IRS would then disallow the exemption, and the donor would be exposed to the consequences.

The Association would kindly request that those making designated gifts should call the AMAA Headquarters for clarification and for advice prior to issuing checks for designated purposes.

There is a way to designate benefits to causes. It is through the establishment of **Endowed or Trust Funds** in which case, by legal agreement, income (and only income) may be designated for use for the charitable preferences of benefactors.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

AMAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE ONGOING PLIGHT OF LEBANON



More innocent civilians suffer as warring factions in Lebanon continue their armed conflict in the country.

"Our hearts are full of sadness. Yesterday we had the funeral of one of our teacher's sons (himself a part-time gym teacher in Torosian School), who received a direct hit from a rocket in Kchag (the first rocket to fall in Kchag in these 9 years of war). He was to have been married in three weeks' time and was having his wedding cards printed. As he left the building, he received the rocket and was killed instantly. He was Mano Manoogian, son of Hagop and Zevart Manoogian. Because of insecurity and intermittent shellings, schools will be closed all this week. We in the East started schools on Nov. 2, and since then we had already closed them for 8 days and now for this week... As I am typing, I can hear firing, shelling. I am glad the children are home from school. Thank you for your help and your prayers." In the same vein, Dr. Verne Fletcher, President of Haigazian College, writes: "Bombardments, explosions, kidnappings, assassinations, airport closures, fleeing refugees, deadlocked negotiations leading to renewed fighting, etc., etc.... follow one another in an endless series of violence and tragedy."

The Inspirational Corner

A KINDLY COUNSEL

GO PLACIDLY AMID the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many people strive for high ideals and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all avidity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and your aspirations. In the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.



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WEST COAST MISSIONS CONFERENCE INVOKES PILGRIMAGE TO FRESNO

Summary of article submitted by Phyllis Hano

In the midst of it all, the College began classes on October 24th—two weeks later than had originally been planned. Now six weeks into the semester, we have already lost the equivalent of 4½ days for various reasons connected with 'the events.' Most of the normal Christmas vacation has been cancelled in order to make up for lost time. Both faculty and students are determined to do everything possible not to lose the semester and the academic year."

Other information provided by Dr. Fletcher:



This is not a display of fireworks on a holiday... but rockets and artillery fire lighting up the sky over a war-torn Beirut.

cher reveals that enrollment at Haigazian College for the first semester stands at 280 students, as compared with 358 in the second semester of 1982-83 and 310 in the first semester of 1982-1983. This lower enrollment surely reflects the deteriorating security situation in the country. He further writes that there has been an increase in the demand for financial assistance, undoubtedly due to the stagnant state of the Lebanese economy.

Dr. Fletcher's letter also provides the following interesting statistics on Haigazian college:

—65.7% of current students are Armenian, of which 11.1% are Evangelicals.

—Men and women students are found in the ratio of 53.2% to 46.8% respectively.

—Over 15 religious communities are represented in the present student body, of which 81.8% are Christian.

—13 nationalities are found among the 280 students, but the vast majority are Lebanese (221) and Syrian (30).

These and other reports reaching our office indicated the difficult situation our fellow Armenians are in.

The primary reason the AMAA was es-

tablished and continues to function is to lend a helping hand whenever it is needed and through the 66 years of its existence there has never been a time when there wasn't NEED somewhere. However, the need seems to be greater and more intense in the Middle East where war and fighting are a way of life. We need your concerns, prayers and support so that we can continue our service to them. Therefore, our need for new sponsors for children of unemployed parents and poor families has increased. Won't you extend a helping hand—now?

THE REVEREND HARRY MISSIRLIAN BACK INTO ACTIVE MINISTRY



The Rev. Harry Missirlian.

The Armenian Evangelical Union of North America has announced the appointment of Rev. Harry Missirlian, who had announced his retirement a few years ago, to serve as Minister to the Union and as a resource person to lead a campaign to raise one million dollars for the needs of the Union.

NOTE: Just before going to press we received extremely bad news on Lebanon. Telephone conversations with friends have revealed that the country is in chaos. A few have stated that there is anarchy. West Beirut has been occupied by anti-Government guerrillas completely. The guerrillas have occupied the Government Radio and Television station in West Beirut. Shiite Moslem elements in the Lebanese army have deserted it by the thousands and others still in the army refused to fight. Destruction of buildings and businesses is enormous. President Reagan has ordered the withdrawal of the land-placed Marines to the ships offshore. The Moslem cabinet members, in addition to the prime minister, have resigned.

We have had no casualties in men and buildings among our Union churches, schools and congregations.

It is our hope that President Gemayel will make the necessary moves to concede major reforms acceptable to the Druze and Shiite Moslem elements.

Prayer, and more passionate prayer, are still our greatest contribution. Please pray for peace in the hearts of angry people.

AMAA Executive Director

One hundred and six representatives from the churches and fellowships of California gathered in the host church, the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church in Fresno, for an AMAA Missions Conference on November 19 organized by Dr. Pepronia Merjanian, West Coast Regional Director of the AMAA.

Among those who took part were the Rev. Dr. G. H. Chopourian; The Rev. Berdj Djambazian; the Rev. Dr. John Markarian; The Rev. Roger Minassian, pastor of the host church; The Rev. Bernard Guekguezian; Mr. Augustine Badeer; Mrs. Alice Haig, AMAA Vice-President; The Rev. Abraham Chaparian; and his wife, Mrs. Mary Chaparian; Mrs. Gladys Shegoian; Mr. James Kizirian;

Abdulian; and Cast Members Grace Atmajian, Grace Kurkjian, Maria Bragg, Bryan Agbabian, Vartan Ter-Ghevontian, Marina Saatjian and Karl Hakimian.

To fulfill the AMAA's objectives of providing education and relief, a great deal of fund raising must be done. This issue was covered in a workshop, "The Art of Fund Raising," capably led by AMAA Board Member Elizabeth Agbabian of Los Angeles. Some of the important aspects defined during the workshop were knowledge in being informed on how funds are distributed, enthusiasm, creativity in raising funds, recognizing strengths and weaknesses, goal-setting, emphasizing tithing, pushing teamwork (one person can't do it alone), letters of



Dr. Pepronia Merjanian, West Coast Regional Director of the AMAA.

was—the Son of God, and he carried out a program of sacrificial service and followed it all the way to the cross. He didn't allow anyone or anything to distract him from it. There is tremendous power in knowing where we're going. We, too, must be convinced that we are sent, we are accountable for our life and to our mission through the Holy Spirit."

The AMAA Executive Director, G. H. Chopourian, noted eight major ideas emanating from the Conference which can be recommendations for action:

1. Evangelism should have higher priority.
2. Members of churches should be provided "Missions" education.
3. An Armenian radio/television evangelism program should be initiated.
4. Information should be provided on Armenian missionaries serving non-Armenians or Armenians outside our evangelical circle.
5. Youth should be prepared as missionaries.
6. Seminars should be organized for youth with follow-up plans.
7. Visual programs of AMAA work should be presented to churches more regularly.
8. Youth should be encouraged to participate in Mission Training Projects (The Ship Anastasia, for instance).



Participants in the play presenting the AMAA—first row, left to right: Michael Agbabian, playwright; Marina Saatjian; second row: Maria Bragg, Grace Kurkjian; third row: Vartan Ter-Ghevontian; fourth row: Bryan Agba-



brian. Missing from the picture is Greg Abdulian, co-producer of the play; and a scene from one of the sessions of the AMAA Evangelism Conference.

Mrs. Annig Gertmenian; and Mrs. Marianne Bagdasarian.

One of the most exciting facets of the conference was participation of Armenian young people. The youth panel was led by Steve Kradjian from the Downey Immanuel Church and consisted of panelists Jeff Morton, Rebecca Hakimian and Vartan Ter-Ghevontian. They concluded that "youth should not be left alone, but should work hand-in-hand and be guided by experienced adults," with follow-up being a critical issue.

Praises were received by 13-year-old Michael Agbabian who wrote, directed, and played a role in his three-act play, "The Miniature AMAA." Other participants in the play were Stage Manager, Rosine de Cervantes; Co-Director, Greg

solicitation including deadlines, following up by phone, and above all, never giving up.

Those who reported on efforts for fund-raising were: Bud Kahian for the Immanuel Church of Downey; Mrs. Grace Kurkjian for the Haigazian College Auxiliary; Mrs. H. Ronnie Hanessian for The Friends of the AMAA Peninsula Group; Mrs. Robyn Esraelian, a beneficiary of the AMAA Scholarship Program when she was in law school, for the Pilgrim Church; and, Bryan Agbabian for the United American Congregational Church.

In closing the conference, Rev. Harry Missirlian introduced the challenge. "Our Lord," he said, "knew where he came from—the father. He knew who he

THE ARMENIAN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES PROGRAM

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are pleased to present an important new project initiated by the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America which will be known as the Armenian Theological Studies Program. It will be offered to Armenian students at the Fuller Theological Seminary. The program adds yet another dimension to the diverse ministries of our Union. It is our hope and prayer that many will be interested in the program and take advantage of it. It was the dream of our brother in Christ, the Rev. Vartkes Kassouni, which has finally become a reality after five years of planning.

What is the purpose?

The Armenian Theological Studies Program is designed to train men and women who plan to minister in parish and community settings. Its purpose is to provide a program of Armenian theological studies in the context of graduate level theological education at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Who is eligible?

Eligibility is decided by the Fuller Admissions Committee in consultation with the ATSP Advisory Committee. The pre-requisites for admission to any of the degree programs is specified in the Seminary Catalog.

For more information fill out and mail this section to:

DR. KRIKOR HALEBLIAN
135 NORTH OAKLAND AVE.
BOX 203
PASADENA, CA. 91101-1790

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Those not qualified for a degree program may be able to take classes on an audit or special basis.

Is ATSP a special Armenian degree program?

No, it is not. In consultation with your adviser you may choose from any of the more than 200 courses offered each year by the Seminary. To reflect commitment to bi-culturalism and community leadership training ATSP courses are designed to deal creatively with the unique needs, resources, and culture of the Armenian people.

What Courses are presently projected

- History of Armenian Christianity
- Theology of Armenian Christianity
- History of the Armenian Evangelical Movement
- Evangelism Among Armenians
- Church Growth in American Armenian Psychology and Worldview
- Armenian Liturgy and Worship
- Seminars on Naregatz, Shnorhali and other great men in Armenian church history.

How much will it cost?

Tuition for the 1983-84 school year is \$78.00 per unit.

I'm interested in:

Information
Application
Catalog

I'm interested in pursuing:

M.A.
M. Div.
D. Min.
Ph.D.

Is financial help available?

Yes. The School Catalog states "Fuller Theological Seminary is committed to the policy that no worthy student should be left in a position of financial need without the school first having done everything possible to assist."

Grants and loans are available and are apportioned **on the basis of need**. Scholarships and loans are also available through the Armenian Missionary Association of America and the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America.

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What is the historical background of ATSP?

The need for theological education specifically geared for Armenians has long been felt. Armenian ministerial students can benefit from theological studies which directly teach and intersect their own Christian heritage in America. The Armenian Evangelical Union of North America has envisioned this program. With the appointment of Dr. Krikor Halebian as adjunct professor at Fuller Theological Seminary, the program has taken a major step toward its final form. Fuller Seminary has been chosen for good reasons; it has already advanced similar programs for Hispanics, Blacks, and Asians, and it is strategically located in Southern California. It is estimated that there are now 175,000 Armenians living in Los Angeles alone.

Presently I'm in:

- High School
- Bible College
- University
- Seminary
- Ministry
- Other
- Specify _____

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Bonnie Philibosian Moore

I. Bonnie Philibosian Moore, a scholarship recipient, writes:

Dear Sirs:

Just wanted to write a quick note to let you know how things are going!

I'm about to start my last semester at Biola University in La Mirada and look forward to my upcoming graduation in May.

Along with my class schedule I will be involved in our spring musical, "The Wizard of Oz," as a dancer and having a small role. Also I am on an evangelistic drama team from Biola called "King's Players" and we'll be traveling to New Zealand and Australia to the many people there that do not know Christ. I'm very excited and busy in preparation for this trip.

Another ministry I've had this year is to be a "Big Sister" to an eight-year-old boy whose home life is confused and insecure, being shuffled back and forth between his divorced parents. It's been a growing challenge to be a secure and trustworthy friend to him.

Well, thanks so much for all the aid you have given me the past two years!

In Christ,

II. The Rev. William G. Kalaidjian of New York City acknowledges the courtesies of the Hekemian Family Trust.

Editor's Note: Consistent with their long-time tradition, this year, too, the Hekemian families graciously provided Christmas gifts from their family trust fund to ministers, ministers' widows and other Christian workers in the United States. "Bill's letter is a good sample of the many notes of acknowledgment received from the recipients.

Dear Dr. Chopourian:

I write to you and to the members of the joint AMAA/Hekemian Trust Fund Accounts to say how nice it is to hear from you and to receive your message of love and the check of joyfulness.

This year, more than ever, we have many challenges to our faith. The need for peace in Lebanon, the challenge at home with so many hungry and homeless... years ago these people were in State Institutions and now they are thrown to the hearts of our church people. Even the police have so many EDPs that it takes a lot of their time to meet the many calls to aid these people... meantime, the child abuse, sex abuse and neglect of children and abandonment of children, it all is part of the message of trying to bring peace on earth and brotherhood.

On December 22nd I will play Santa for 90 severely handicapped children. Your gift to me will help these children. Some have a hand at the elbow instead of at the wrist, others have multi-braces



Bill Kalaijian

around their bodies, yet they have a spirit of love to offer and spirit of love to be received.

The Light of the world shines through Christian people and through Christian organizations like the AMAA and the Hekemian family as an institution. How well I remember old Sam. He was a Santa Sam if there ever was one! So please convey my love and gratitude to all at 140 Forest Avenue and may Christmas and the New Year be the best ever. Appreciatively yours in Christ.

DR. IRVEN PAUL



Irven Paul.

A reading of the above title will not reveal the national identity of Dr. Paul. But, in actuality, he is an Armenian born in Fresno, California to the Boghosian Family. His father, Basil Haig, was born in Hadjin and his mother, Maritsa Shamarian, was born of Armenian forebears.

His name, Yervant Boghosian, was changed to Paul because Boghos means Paul. Dr. Paul is an ordained minister of the UPC and in addition to teaching has done pastoral work in many churches and mission work in South America, where he spent nearly twenty-five years of his life, twenty years of them in Chile.

Dr. Paul sent to our Headquarters a chapel talk he had given at the Hartford Seminary Foundation in Hartford, Connecticut, entitled, "Who Am I?" He provides in this talk a short summary of the Armenians of Ararat, the Christianization of the nation, and appears to make an attempt to search for the discovery of his heritage. He appears to have the same thrust as Michael J. Arlen who, in his *Passage to Ararat*, went on a quest for the discovery of his identity. He ended his chapel talk in these eloquent words, "And so the story is told of sojourners who were called to build bridges of understanding and appreciation of different ways of living. The journey, which makes a complete circle, may be traced from the ancient land of Aram, from Constantinople to California, from New York to Marash, from Cilicia to Chile..."

As if to establish his Armenian identity for posterity, ninety-year-old grand professor, teacher, preacher, missionary Paul indicated he has remembered the AMAA in his Will so that the bequest may be established into an Endowment Fund in his name. The AMAA wishes Irven a long and happy life and the blessings of our Heavenly Father.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

NEW ENDOWMENT FUNDS ESTABLISHED

ARDSON AND GLADYS SHEGOIAN ENDOWMENT FUND

Mr. Ardson and Mrs. Gladys Shegoian of San Francisco, Calif., recently established a fund under their name in the amount of \$10,000 with annual income designated for the support of



Ardson and Gladys Shegoian.

Armenian Schools of the Armenian Evangelical Schools of California, Inc., which at present operates the Charlotte and Elise Merdinian Armenian Evangelical School of Los Angeles. With the establishment of this fund the Shegoians, who over the years have given so much of their time, talents and resources to the ministries of the AMAA, have once again expressed their Christian commitment and mission-mindedness in a highly tangible way. Gladys has been a most capable and faithful AMAA representative in the San Francisco area serving as Chairman and Treasurer of the local AMAA Chapter.

JAMES G. JAMESON ESSAY CONTEST FUND



James G. Jameson.

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Jameson of Brookline, Mass. have established a second fund with the AMAA in the amount of \$5,000, the first being a substantial endowment dating from 1975 to 1982. Part of the annual income of the fund, to be known as the James G. Jameson Essay Contest Fund, will be awarded to the winner of the best essay on given Armenian subjects—country, people, literature, culture, religion, history and so forth. Complete details on the contest will be forthcoming in formal AMAA communiques in due course.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL AND BEVERLY TALANIAN ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was established by Paul and Beverly Talanian of Mission Viejo, Calif. The income of the fund will be used for evangelism purposes in the Los Angeles area.

We praise God for individuals and families like the Talanians, who, having had a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, want others to enjoy the blessings of their Christian faith and stewardship

ANNAGUL KAZANJIAN MEMORIAL FUND

Mrs. Zevart Piranian Haig of Fresno, California established a one-thousand-dollar fund in memory of her beloved mother. The income of the fund will be used for the evangelism ministries of the AMAA. Annagul Kazanjian was a devoted mother and committed Christian. Born in 1884. Mrs. Kazanjian, despite enduring a life of hardship, was a faithful Christian witness until her death in 1978 in Fresno.

THE RICHARD ZAVEN BABIKIAN ENDOWMENT FUND

Mr. Babikian is keenly interested in the condition of Armenian blind in Aleppo, Syria. He agreed to a novel idea—to split his donation of \$1,000 into two halves, one portion going to the current needs of the blind, and the other half into a fund so that assistance may flow to the blind year after year.

MR. LEON HAGOP MOURADIAN ENDOWMENT FUND

Mr. Mouradian has left this fund of \$4,000 open-ended to add to it as opportunity arises, with annual income to be added to the principal until an income designation is determined. We appreciate his devotion to mission causes and AMAA's efforts to satisfy needs.

MARIE HALEBIAN MEMORIAL FUND

Mrs. Arpine A. Hovnanian established a \$1,000 fund to be known as the Marie Halebian Memorial Fund in loving memory of her mother. The annual income is designated for use for an evangelical senior citizen in need.

LEON S. PETERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following appeal was made by the Chairman of Haigazian College of Trustees, Dr. Rendel Levonian, regarding the establishment of a living memorial for Leon S. Peters:

Dear Friends of Haigazian College:
The Executive Committee of the Haigazian College Board of Trustees, in search of a vehicle to express the Trustees' appreciation for his dedicated commitment to Haigazian College and many years of devotion, has decided to establish a memorial fund in the name of MR. LEON S. PETERS. We are soliciting memorial gifts from the members of the Board of Trustees and friends of the College for this purpose. The proceeds from this effort will be added to the monies previously designated by Mr. Peters for endowments and placed in the new fund titled: LEON S. PETERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND. The annual revenues will be used for scholarships at Haigazian College for deserving students and will be recognized as the Leon S. Peters Scholarship.

Continuing a tradition started a few years ago, Mr. Albert Kapigian and his wife Shirley, graciously hosted a Christmas luncheon on Dec. 20 for the AMAA staff and Board members at the White Beeches Country Club in Haworth, N.J. A warm feeling of geniality and Christmas spirit prevailed as the staff and several Board members enjoyed a leisurely luncheon.

The special gratitude of all of us goes to our friends who show their devotion to the Association in many other ways as well.

NEW CHURCH FACILITIES FOR ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE, CANADA

The relatively newly organized Armenian Evangelical United Church of Cambridge, Ont., Canada, recently purchased a three-level building after meeting in a rented facility since their formation five years ago. In addition to serving as a parsonage, the building will be used for church services and functions.

The AMAA commends the Rev. Ardashes Kerbabian, the pastor, and the leadership of the Church for their vision and courage and pray that God will continue to bless their witness and ministry in and through their new church home.



The recently purchased Community Home of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Cambridge, Ontario, Canada.

ARMENIAN CHAPLAIN PREACHES TO U.S. MARINES IN BEIRUT, LEBANON

Chaplain Eli Takesian of Washington, D.C. conducted special Christmas religious services for the U.S. Marines stationed in Beirut, Lebanon as peacekeepers. In his Christmas message, Chaplain Takesian, a captain in the U.S. Navy, underscored the proximity of Lebanon to the land where Jesus was born and said, "You are called 'peacekeepers' and it is my prayer that finally we'll find peace for the people in this troubled land."

Chaplain Takesian's service aptly symbolized the faithful Christian witness of Armenians in the Middle East who have been the very few real peace-loving and peacemaking elements in the entire turbulent region.

ARMENIAN DENTIST GIVES PROFESSIONAL SKILLS IN MISSION TO THE POOR

Dr. David S. Topazian of Orange, Connecticut, has put his dental skills to valuable use by participating in Christian Medical Society Missions. On his last vacation, accompanied by his wife, Deidre, he traveled to rural Honduras and extracted 1,100 teeth. Since 1968, Dr. Topazian has gone on 12 similar missions spending his vacation serving the poor.

Dr. Topazian says that his commitment to Missions began with his father, Shavash, who was orphaned as a child in Armenia and was later taken in by an American missionary orphanage in the Middle East. Topazian's brother, Richard, is also an oral surgeon who teaches and spends his spare time in the mission field, primarily in India.

Dr. Topazian is an Associate Clinical Professor in the Yale Medical School and is Assistant Director of the Oral Surgery Training Program at the Hospital of St. Raphael. More importantly, however, he is a genuine Christian, and a faithful steward of his time, talent and skills.

DR. STEPAN V. MERJANIAN AND CHRISTINE MANOUKIAN WED



Bride and groom, Christine and Stepan V. Merjanian.

Dr. Stepan Vosgan Merjanian of Monrovia, Calif., devoted chairman of the Missions and Outreach Committee of the United Armenian Congregational Church, and Christine Manoukian, daughter of George and Esther Manoukian of San Jose, Calif., were married on Saturday, Dec. 31, 1983 at the UACC. The officiating clergy were the Reverends Vartkes Kassouni and Hagop M. Jambazian.

The AMAA extends heartfelt congratulations to the bride and groom and pray God will bless their union.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON HOSTED BY KAPIGIANS

Continuing a tradition started a few years ago, Mr. Albert Kapigian and his wife Shirley, graciously hosted a Christmas luncheon on Dec. 20 for the AMAA staff and Board members at the White Beeches Country Club in Haworth, N.J. A warm feeling of geniality and Christmas spirit prevailed as the staff and several Board members enjoyed a leisurely luncheon.

The special gratitude of all of us goes to our friends who show their devotion to the Association in many other ways as well.



Standing l. to r.: Joyce Fuhrman, Rosey Maranjian, Albert Kapigian, Epp Altavilla, Kathy Kurkjian, Magda Hosepian, Marguerite O'Brien.

Seated l. to r.: Shirley Kapigian, Mrs. Choupourian, Dr. Choupourian.

THE EXECUTIVE



Harold DeMirjian.

HAROLD A. DEMIRJIAN

Mr. Harold A. DeMirjian, a long-time member of the Board of Trustees of Haigazian College and a very good friend of the AMAA and the Armenian Evangelical Churches, has been promoted to the post of Manager of Engineering for the International Exploration and Product Division of Getty Oil Company. Mr. DeMirjian is now in Asia for a first meeting with the representatives of the Chinese National Offshore Oil Company where he will be involved in negotiations to develop a plan for the exploration of oil and gas of the offshore concession granted to Getty Oil and partners by the Peoples Republic of China. These meetings will be held in Japan and China and will run for a period of one month.

Mr. DeMirjian began his Getty Oil Company career in 1956 as a Petroleum Engineer, was made Junior Engineer in a year, and moved to Production Engineer, shortly after that. He was extensively involved in the inception, formulation, development, and exploitation of Thermal Recovery for heavy oil deposits.

Mr. DeMirjian was born in Aleppo, Syria, and came to the United States in 1950 where he earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Southern California. Mr. DeMirjian and his wife, Frances, live in Sherman Oaks, California with their daughter, Deborah, and son, Steven.

TOOTIKIAN WILL TEACH ARMENIAN AT LAWRENCE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Lawrence Institute of Technology is offering a new course in elementary Armenian. The three-credit Western Armenian language course open to LIT students, as well as members of the Detroit community at large, will be taught

by teacher-lecturer, The Rev. Dr. Vahan Tootikian, pastor of the Armenian Cong'l Church of Greater Detroit. Zaven Margolian, a close friend and supporter of the AMAA, is Dean of LIT's School of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Tootikian has taught humanity courses at LIT for many years.

MIHRAN AGBABIAN ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF ARMENIAN IMMIGRANT

Congratulations are in order for a faithful friend and former Board member of the AMAA, Dr. Mihran Agbabian, who has been elected to the Chairmanship of the Armenian Assembly for 1984 by the Assembly's Board of Directors during their annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Dr. Agbabian, who was cochairman of the Assembly this past year, is president of Agbabian Associates, a successful engineering and consulting firm in Los Angeles. With his knowledge of the organization, as well as the Armenian community, he will contribute much to the services of the Assembly.

RAINEYS RECEIVE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The Federal Manufacturing Corporation of North Hollywood recently received the Boeing Aircraft Company's "President's Award." The award was presented to Henry Rainey, President of the firm, by John Bowe, Administrator of Boeing's Small Business Program. Federal Manufacturing, which manufactures precision fasteners for the aircraft and aerospace industries, was commended for overall performance, quality of product, technical capability and ability to work with a larger business.

The Rainey family, who are members of the United Armenian Cong'l Church of Hollywood, are faithful and generous sup-



Left to right, first row: Helen Rainey, Henry Rainey, and John Bowe; second row: Arthur Rainey and Paul Rainey.

porters of the missionary outreach of the AMAA. Congratulations to our friends, and best wishes for continued success and excellence in business and service. You make us happy and proud.

THE SUCCESS STORY OF THE SON OF AN ARMENIAN IMMIGRANT

The Philadelphia Inquirer recently featured a lengthy article on John Bogosian of Havertown, Pa., a Board Member of AMAA. The article presented the success story of John Bogosian, son of an Armenian immigrant, but now owner and president of The Camera Shop, Inc. His father, who had come to U.S. in 1911, started a camera store. When the son, John Bogosian, started his own business in 1957, he set a goal to open one new camera store each year. Today, Bogosian is two ahead of his goal and his 28-store Camera Shop, Inc. chain is grossing more than \$24 million annually in a business that covers eastern Pennsylvania and parts of Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey. "Not bad for the son of an Armenian immigrant," says Bogosian.



Marge and John Bogosian.

John Bogosian and his wife, Marge, and their children, John Paul, JoAnn and Karen, are members of the Martyrs' Church of Havertown. Despite their demanding involvements in the family owned firm, both John and Marge Bogosian give generously of their time, talents and resources for the Lord's work, which leads us to say, "Well done, son of an Armenian immigrant!"

REV. AND MRS. G. D. MINASSIAN CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Rev. and Mrs. G. Diran and Lydia Minassian of Santa Barbara, California celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in early January in Fresno where their son, the Rev. Roger Minassian,

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pastors the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church. We join the members of the Minassian family in praising the Lord for the life, ministry and blessings enjoyed by our dear Diran and his wife Lydia throughout their fifty years of conjugal life.



The happy couple, The Rev. G.D. and Mrs. Lydia Minassian.

MARY MEHAGIAN HONORED IN ARIZONA

Mary M. Mehagian, widow of the late Stephen Mehagian, benefactor of AMAA's Haigazian College, was honored with a testimonial dinner on Saturday, Nov. 19, 1983 at the Registry Resort in Phoenix, Arizona. Mrs. Mehagian, the founder of the AGBU in Phoenix, has been a pillar in the local Armenian community.

The Mehagians have been in the forefront of supporters of Haigazian College which was named in honor of Mrs. Mehagian's father, Professor Armenag Haigazian of Cilicia. Both Mrs. Mehagian and her son, Arthur Mehagian, continue to serve faithfully on the Haigazian Board of Trustees giving generously of their time and resources to support the work of the College.

The Mehagian Family Fund of \$281,603 in the Haigazian College portfolio returned a yield, interest and capital gains included, of \$40,472 during fiscal 1982-1983. It is this kind of devotion that has made Haigazian College a reality.

Thank you friends.

JESUITS PICK AN ARMENOLOGIST AS NEW LEADER

The general congregation of the Society of Jesus chose, in August 1983, by an overwhelming margin, the Rev. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, a Dutch Armenologist priest, as its new Superior General.

Born in Druten, Holland, the Rev. Kolvenbach, 54, has had a special interest in the Eastern churches. He went to

Lebanon as a missionary in 1958, and there he became an expert in Armenian and later earned a doctorate in Armenology in Paris.



The Rev. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, left, receives the congratulations and the fraternal embrace of his predecessor, Father Arrupe.

BEDROSSIAN BROTHERS ESTABLISH CHAIR AT TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Howard Bedrossian, M.D., and Robert Bedrossian, M.D., have jointly established the Bedrossian Chair of Ophthalmology at the Temple University School of Medicine. An impressive Endowment Fund of about \$800,000 set by the Bedrossian brothers will provide for a professor and practitioner of ophthalmology to teach and direct research at the Medical School.

The Bedrossian brothers, both natives of Philadelphia, are distinguished practitioners and lecturers of ophthalmology. Howard, who is the author of two books and numerous articles in journals on ophthalmology, resides and practices in Drexel Hill, Pa., while Robert, who has served on the Council for Health Planning for the State of Washington, lives and maintains a practice in Vancouver, Washington.

We commend the Bedrossian brothers for their honorable eleemosynary arrangements, which will be a lasting tribute to the entire Bedrossian family. We are particularly happy because the Bedrossians are in the AMAA family. Mother Angele Bedrossian Hancock, who remarried after her husband's death at an early age, and Dr. Edward Bedrossian have endowed funds in the portfolio of the AMAA.

NEW BOOKS OF QUALITY

I. THE ART OF ARMENIAN NEEDLEWORK

By Alice Odian Kasparian.

Mrs. Alice Odian Kasparian of Belmont, Mass., a pharmacist by profession, and a devoted and caring supporter of AMAA's work, has had deep interest and love for the arts and literature.

Mrs. Kasparian, the author of several books, recently produced *Armenian Needlelace and Embroidery*. Her devotion to Armenian tradition reveals itself strongly throughout the book. Her work emerges as a tribute to the generations of Armenian women who evolved the simple task of sewing into a complex art form. This new book guarantees that their art and achievements will be preserved, and the technique employed will be perpetuated as well.

This beautifully produced text, which is available in the AMAA bookstore at a cost of \$29.95, contains 87 photographs of needleart and presents its history and how to recreate it.

II. THE COMPLETE ARMENIAN COOKBOOK

By Alice Bezjian

Another AMAA family member, like Mrs. Kasparian, has produced an unusually attractive, appetite-arousing text on Armenian cooking, including favorite international recipes. In her repertoire, there are Middle Eastern, French and Russian recipes, in addition to Armenian ones. Mrs. Bezjian was trained by the best-known chefs in Lebanon and later she herself gave lessons, teaching students how to cook and present the food in attractive, creative and appetizing ways. The book may go on the parlor table as an eye-catching art book.

The text, which has many colored pictures of foods, is available in the AMAA bookstore at \$25 a copy. Do rush for your copy.

Մինչ արտաքին ուժեր կը շարունակեն շահագործել Լիբանանի ներքին վճերն ու հարցերը, Լիբանանեան սաղմալը կը շարունակուի—ու կը շարունակէ իր կործանարար ազգեցութիւնը շրջանի ժողովուրդին, ներառեալ՝ Լիբանանահայ մեր գաղութին վրայ: Ռմբաձու Ռւներու եւ զինեալ բախումներու հետեւազով, դարձեալ անապահովութիւն կը տիրէ Լիբանանի մէջ: Երկրին տնտեսութիւնը, որ անցնող ինը տարիներուն լճացած վիճակ մը ունէր, սկսած է վատթարանալ: Լիբանանեան թղթուսկին օրէ օր կ'արժեզրկուի եւ անգործութիւնը կը դառնայ համատարած: Այս իսկ պատճառով, Լիբանանահայ մեր ժողովուրդը ստիպուած է դարձեալ անապահով եւ տագնապալի ինչպէս նաեւ նիւթական անցուկ պայմաններու տակ շարունակել իր գոյութեան պայքարը:

Հոգեւոր հովիներէ եւ պատասխանատու տապածութիւններէ կ'իմանանք, թէ այս տարի աւելի մեծ թիւով հայ ընտանիքներ, անգործութիւններ, անապահութիւններով, գոյութիւն կ'ունենան իրենց առօրեայ ապրուստը ապահովելու: Հայ Աւետարանական Վարժարաններու պատասխանատուներ մեզի կը յայտնեն թէ շատ մը Հայ ծնողներ, նիւթական աննախընթաց դժուարութիւններու մատնուած ըլլալով, կարողութիւն չունին հոգալու իրենց գաւակներուն կրթաթշակն ու դպրոցական ծախսերը:

Աւետարանչական Ընկերակցութեան օժանդակութիւնը վայելող բոլոր Հայ Աւետարանական Վարժարանները—Պատիւ իրենց առաջնորդներուն, անօրէններուն եւ ուսուցիչներուն—մեծ զոհութիւններու գնով միշտ բաց պահած են իրենց գոները Հայ աշակերտներուն առջեւ, անխտիր: Այսուհետեւ, զպրոցներն ալ ունին օրէ ծանրացող իրենց բեռը ու նիւթական անխուսափելու պարտաւորութիւնները: Արդ, յայտնութիւն մը պիտի ըլլայ եթէ ըսենք թէ՝ մեր զպրոցները նիւթական մեծ ու անմիջական օգնութիւն կը կարօտին կարենալ շարունակելու համար իրենց ազգօգուտ ծառայութիւնը մեր մատղաշ սերունդին:

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Այն, կը փափաքիմ նիւթական օժանդակութեամբ նպաստել Զքանուր Աշակերտներու կրթութեան: Կը փափաքիմ հովանաւորել՝
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OBITUARIES



Leon S. Peters.

LEON S. PETERS

Leon S. Peters, a staunch believer in the AMAA, a faithful supporter of AMAA's Haigazian College, and a towering figure in the community, Mr. Peters brought his active participation to the entire Armenian community. A member of the First Armenian Presbyterian Church, Mr. Peters was also a member of the AGBU, a trustee of the Armenian Assembly, a firm believer and supporter of AMAA's Haigazian College on whose Board of Trustees he served faithfully for many years.

In loving memory and appreciation of Mr. Peters for his dedicated commitment to Haigazian College, the Board of Trustees of the College voted to establish the Leon S. Peters Memorial Scholarship Fund which will provide for the education of deserving students at the College. All donations in his memory will be added to that Fund.

Burial was at Ararat Cemetery on Tuesday, Nov. 29 after a private funeral service. On Friday, Dec. 1, a memorial service was held at the First Armenian Presbyterian Church when a capacity attendance demonstrated respect for his devotion. Surviving him are his wife, Alice; brothers, Aram and Peter.

GLEN GRIMSLY

Glen Grimsley joined the faculty of the USC School of Business Administration in the early 1950s when the school recognized the need to give its students an understanding of the field of psychology as it applies to the business environment. Grimsley had earned a doctoral degree in industrial psychology from the USC in 1947 and carried on an active management consulting business at the time he joined the business school. His major areas of interest were employee attitudes, morale and motivation, and personnel selection—particularly the selection and evaluation of executives.

In 1929, a series of events led Mr. Peters into an association with Valley Foundry that proved a turning point in his life.

The company was primarily a manufacturer of deep well turbine pumps. In the early 1930s, the company began manufacturing wine-making machinery and with the outbreak of World War II, it turned to the manufacture of defense items.

Mr. Peters became sales manager in 1937 and two years later he purchased the firm.

Following the war, the company returned to the manufacture of winery, food processing and other special machinery.

At Valley Foundry, Mr. Peters learned mechanical engineering on the job. But he told an interviewer that he regretted never getting a university education.

Mr. Peters was philosophical about the ethnic discrimination that he faced as an

Armenian-American. His first brush with bigotry came at Fowler High School and it dogged him even after he had become one of the area's leading businessmen. "In fact," he said, "I think that it reinforced my determination to succeed."

For an entire generation of younger Armenian-Americans, Mr. Peters symbolized the hope that it was possible to succeed in Fresno despite the strong anti-Armenian sentiment that prevailed in the area.

In addition to his many involvements in philanthropic, civic and educational causes in the community, Mr. Peters brought his active participation to the entire Armenian community. A member of the First Armenian Presbyterian Church, Mr. Peters was also a member of the AGBU, a trustee of the Armenian Assembly, a firm believer and supporter of AMAA's Haigazian College on whose Board of Trustees he served faithfully for many years.

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Glen Grimsley.

also served as advisor to the dean and consulted with and trained faculty members to provide consulting services to industry in West and East Pakistan (now Bangladesh). In addition, he raised money from industrial leaders for full scholarships for all qualified students.

Grimsley retired from teaching in September, 1976, but continued to consult and publish. His most recent studies examined approaches to the relationships that exist between test scores and personal history items and occupational success; the stability, over time, of aptitude and personality test measures; and the success of culturally handicapped persons as related to choice of occupation.

Glen Grimsley, an intellectual giant with Summa Cum Laude degrees in Psychology, Industrial Psychology, and Sociology from the University of Southern California, died on Dec. 31, 1983 in Los Angeles at the age of 72. The six major honorary societies he was a member of, the four important professional psychological associations he belonged to, his numerous employments in industry (Lockheed Aircraft, General Motors), academic institutions (teaching psychological and management courses in 3 top class universities) and psychological service corporations for 35 years are sufficient testimony to his unusual talents as an industrial psychologist.

Glen was a quiet man of few words, but when issues cropped up that interested him and he had expertise in, he became a great raconteur. More importantly, everyone whose life he touched, those who worked with him and knew him loved him. Portions of a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Grimsley by a grandniece expresses well the special quality of Dr. Grimsley:

"Dear Aunty Helen: I feel such a loss now, and I can't even begin to realize how you must feel to lose such a wonderful husband... I know how much you loved Uncle Glen and how well the two of you suited each other. You must have been a great support to him, even in all his troubles. I felt that he was my friend, and in all our conversations, I was always so impressed with his knowledge and understanding..."

Glen Grimsley, Ph.D. is survived by his wife, Helen; his daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Norm; and granddaughters, Debbie and Becca Lewis.

Memorial donations may be made to Haigazian College or the Armenian Evangelical Social Service Center. Glen believed in both and constantly assisted Helen who gives much of her time to the two entities.

KABOOLIAN DANIELS

Virginia Margaret Kaboolian Daniels, of Cliff-side Park, passed away on June 17, 1983. Mrs. Daniels served as a volunteer for the Lighthouse for the Blind and was an active member of the Armenian Evangelical Church of New York, where she was a past member of the Board of Deacons.

Funeral services were held in the Church on June 20, with interment at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Daniels is survived by her daughter, Louisa Kearney; sisters, Varsenig Kaboolian and Elizabeth Phillian; and brothers, Haigaz and Onnig Kaboolian.

HAIGOUHI ZOOLALIAN

Haigouhi Zoolalian (nee Sakaian) passed away on July 9, 1983 at the age of 79.

She spent most of her life in Massachusetts but lived the last two-and-a-half years of her life, following her husband's demise, close to her three sons in Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Zoolalian was a woman of faith, devotion and kindness and will be missed by many. Her service of memory was held at Rose Hills Mortuary with the Rev. Edward S. Tovmasian officiating.

She was a faithful servant of the Lord and a dear Armenian Christian mother to the sons she left behind: Edward, Charles and Herald Zoolalian.

ZAROUEH SHOUSHANIAN

Editor's Note: Two years ago, Mrs. Zarouhi Shoushanian, an active member of the Armenian Euphrates Evangelical Church in Providence and a regular contributor to the Armenian Missionary Association of America, went to her eternal rest. She left behind her husband, Abraham, who is now 93 years old. The following is a poem he wrote as a Memorial to his beloved wife:

My very dear comrade of long years past,
On sunny or dim narrow trail,
Faithfully helping, when burden grow fast,
And never her courage would fail.

She helped me with her courageous toil
And ever continued her faithful prayer,
That rose like incense from parched soil,
Upward to purer, sacred Atmosphere.

We toiled together on dim, narrow trail
Till when I missed her from my sight,
I would call to her and hail;
But no answer came from flick'ring light.

She walked ahead of me through the mist,
That covered vale and hill;
She saw the rainbow through the mist,
To that she wandered without will.

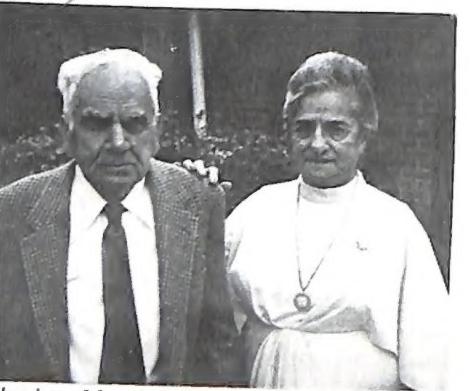
The mist lifted her up on its wings,
And set her softly on that rainbow-crest,
Which carried her further where angel sings,
To a most fair land; to eternal rest.

Now I'm wandering alone on that trail,
Waiting the rainbow to carry me aloft;
Before my limbs become weak and frail,
And heart and mind turn tired and soft.

Farewell, my dear comrade! Till again,
We meet in that most Gloryland
As proof, that our promise was not in vain,
When long ago you gave me your hand.
—Abraham Shoushanian

MOSES BOGHOS MANOUKIAN

Washington-based Moses B. Manoukian (Karamanoukian), longtime supporter of the AMAA, died of heart failure on Dec. 27, 1983. Moses was the youngest in a family of five brothers and one sister who were exiled from Aintab, Turkey, in 1915. After years of travel, separations and interim homes, the family settled in Washington D.C. in 1921. Moses and his brothers soon established themselves in the oriental rug business. For three decades they operated four stores, which for the most part, were on fashionable Connecticut Avenue. One store remains today.



The late Moses Boghos Manoukian and his surviving wife, Rose.

Moses could be described as a city-to-city salesman. He thrived on travel, buying in New York City one day, attending an estate sale in Pennsylvania the next day and personally delivering a palatial rug to a patron in the hills of Virginia on a third day. While on the road, he would find time to drop in on other rug dealers in out-of-the-way places. For the most part, the dealers were countrymen with whom he would reminisce and if time allowed, play a game of tavlo.

In 1929, Moses married Rose Esaian, an instant sweetheart, also of an Aintab family. They had three children, all of whom finished college and assumed professional careers. They credited their parents who always urged and supported them to academic achievement which by circumstances of fate had not been available to the parents.

In his later years, Moses relished the tranquility of his summer home in the Catskills where he relaxed with family and friends.

In his twilight years, Moses' physical strength continually declined but his spirit grew until he transcended to the arms of his Divine Father.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Peter Doghramji at Gawler's Funeral Home, Washington, D.C., on Dec. 30, 1983.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Esaian Manoukian; his son, Paul Manoukian; his daughter, Florence Brooks; his brother, Manouk Manoukian; and seven grandchildren.

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FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT WILLS

WHY DON'T MORE PEOPLE HAVE WILLS?

- Some think they don't have enough property to need a Will.
- Others think that the spouse and the children get everything automatically.
- Most simply too busy to make their Will.

No one knows the day when the Lord might call one home. And when one dies intestate (without having made a valid Will), the family can get hurt, not just financially, but in many other ways.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF MAKING A WILL?

- You exercise your right to determine how your property will be distributed.
- You provide for your heirs in the way you choose.
- You make sure strangers won't distribute your property according to their wishes, whims or opinions.
- You safeguard your property from being distributed to undeserving people.
- You ensure your property is not unduly taxed by the state.
- You make use of the best-known vehicle (a written, valid Will) to make charitable bequests.
- You provide guardians for your minor children.
- You avoid misunderstandings among your family members and heirs.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE A WILL?

- Your property is distributed according to the state laws of descent and distribution.
- Your heirs go through a maze of red tape and legalities that a simple Will could avoid.

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

- Your property will probably not be distributed according to your wishes.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR WILL IS NOT VALID?

- The Court will probably try to isolate the invalid parts and carry out your wishes as closely as possible with regard to the rest.
- The court may even set aside your entire Will and proceed as if you had no Will at all.

WHAT COULD MAKE YOUR WILL INVALID?

Lots of things:

- A hand-written Will in a state that does not honor hand-written Wills or valid in the state where you made it, but not in the one you lived in later.
- A Will not properly witnessed (too few witnesses or one of the witnesses also a beneficiary, which is not usually permitted).
- When decedent's heirs have all died.
- When decedent's instructions can be interpreted in several different ways.

To make sure your Will is valid and remains valid, have it drawn up by an attorney, and then have it checked yearly afterwards.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A WILL

- Resolve now to make your Will.
- Sit down in the privacy of your home and make a list of your property and heirs (including addresses); then proceed to write down your wishes.
- And finally, take your notes to your lawyer, and ask him to draw up your Will and make your personal wishes legal.

IF YOU HAVE A WILL NOW, CHECK TO SEE—

- Is it up to date?
- Have you moved to another state since making your Will?
- Do you live now in a community property state?
- Are the beneficiaries still living? Still worthy?
- Do you want to keep the same executor and alternate executors?
- Do you still own the specific properties referred to in your Will?
- Will your estate get full advantage of the marital deduction?

CONTINUE YOUR GOOD WORKS THROUGH A THOUGHTFUL WILL

When a person dies, that person's benevolence and good works need not die. Through a thoughtful Will you can continue your good works and even begin new ones. You do this by—

1. Helping the charities you've always supported.
2. Considering to tithe your estate... giving 10% to charity.
3. Considering a gift to charity as a living memorial for a loved one.
4. Providing a guaranteed life income for a relative or friend through an annuity provision of your Will that also makes a gift to a charitable organization or institution.
5. Designating a specific number of dollars... or a specific percentage of your estate... or the remainder of your estate... to your favorite charity.

NOTE: When you name a charity in your Will, be sure to use its full, legal, incorporated name.

Matt. 25:14-15.

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